

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

sub. a1 > 1. A ratchet tool comprising:

a ring-shaped head having a toothed member rotatably received therein and
a handle having a first end pivotally inserted in said ring-shaped head, and

5 a pawl located in said ring-shaped head and between said handle and said
toothed member, said pawl having teeth defined in a first side thereof so as to be
engaged with said toothed member, a second side of said pawl engaged with said
first end of said handle.

10 2. The ratchet tool as claimed in claim 1, wherein said handle has a recess
defined in said first end thereof and a protrusion extending from said second side of
said pawl, said protrusion engaged with said recess.

3. The ratchet tool as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a flexible plate
extending from said first side of said pawl and contacting said toothed member.

15 2 X. The ratchet tool as claimed in claim 1 further comprising two springs
received in said ring-shaped head and located on two sides of said first end of said
handle.

20 3 X. The ratchet tool as claimed in claim 1 further comprising two passages
defined through said ring-shaped head and said two springs respectively received in
said two passages, two bolts engaged with said two passages to retain said springs in
said passages.